

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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CIVIL RIGHTS CORPS, CYNTHIA GODSOE, NICOLE  
SMITH FUTRELL, DANIEL S. MEDWED, JUSTIN  
MURRAY, ABBE SMITH, and STEVEN ZEIDMAN,

Plaintiffs,

**21-CV-09128 (VM) (VF)**

-against-

**INITIAL CASE  
MANAGEMENT  
CONFERENCE ORDER**

GEORGIA PESTANA, Corporation Counsel of the City of  
New York, in her official and personal capacity; MELINDA  
KATZ, the District Attorney for Queens County, in her  
official and personal capacity; ANDREA E. BONINA, Chair  
of the State of New York Grievance Committee for the  
Second, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Judicial District, in her  
official and personal capacity; DIANA MAXFIELD  
KEARSE, Chief Counsel of the State of New York Grievance  
Committee for the Second, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Judicial  
Districts, in her official and personal capacity; and HECTOR  
D. LASALLE, Presiding Justice of the Second Justice  
Department of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New York, in his official capacity,

Defendants.

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**VALERIE FIGUEREDO, United States Magistrate Judge:**

This action is rescheduled for an Initial Case Management Conference in accordance with  
Rule 16(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 10:00**  
**a.m.** Counsel for the parties are directed to call Judge Figueredo's AT&T conference line at the  
scheduled time. **Please dial (888) 808-6929; access code [9781335].**

**Rule 26(f) Conference.** Counsel for the parties are directed to confer at least 21 days  
before the date of the Initial Case Management Conference to discuss the matters set forth in  
Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The parties shall comply with their Rule  
26(a) initial disclosure obligations no later than 14 days after the parties' Rule 26(f) conference.

**Rule 16(b) Conference.** The parties will be required to discuss at the Rule 26(f) conference the subjects set forth in Rule 16(b) and (c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

**Proposed Scheduling Order.** Parties are directed to complete the Report of Rule 26(f) Meeting and Proposed Case Management Plan, at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-valerie-figuereo>, and file it on ECF one week before the scheduled conference.

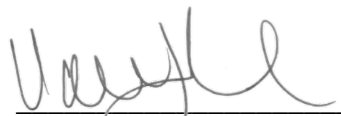
Counsel who disagree about the dates or other terms of the proposed schedule shall submit a joint letter briefly explaining the dispute. Such letter, if any, must be submitted one week before the scheduled conference. The letter shall be filed via ECF.

**Attendance.** Counsel attending must be authorized to make stipulations and admissions about all matters that can reasonably be anticipated for discussion at the Initial Case Management Conference.

**Consent to Proceed Before the Magistrate Judge.** The parties shall discuss whether they consent to conduct all proceedings, including a trial, before the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). If all parties consent, they shall complete the Consent to Proceed Before a U.S. Magistrate Judge form available on the Court's website at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-valerie-figuereo> and file such form with the Court. This Order is not meant to interfere in any way with the parties' absolute right to have dispositive motions and/or a trial before a United States District Judge, but is merely an attempt at preserving scarce judicial resources and reminding the parties of their option pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

**SO ORDERED.**

DATED: New York, New York  
September 6, 2022



VALERIE FIGUEREDO  
United States Magistrate Judge